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Modernisation of HMT Units

5482. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to diversify and modernise HMT units in near future; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) HMT has planned to modernise various units and diversify during the 8th Five Year Plan 1992-97. The 8th Five Year Plan proposals are yet finalised.

Allotment of Plots by Government of Assam

5483. SHRI PROBIN DEKA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the amount provided by the housing organisation like HUDCO to people of Assam to construct houses on plots allotted by the Government of Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): HUDCO provide loan assistance to various State level borrowing agencies for implementation of housing scheme for various income groups. No loan iN sanctioned by HUDCO directly to the individuals to construct house on plots allotted by the State Government.

Supply of Coal by CIL

5484. SHRI M.V. CHANDRASEKHAR MURTHY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of vendors exclusively belonging to Public Sector Undertakings enlisted by the Coal Indias Limited till March 1992 for various supplies;

(b) whether a number of Public Sector Undertakings are not getting enough Support form the Coal India Limited for the supply of their products;

(c) whether similar products are being offered and accepted by Coal India Limited from other sources than Public Sector Undertakings ; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) All public Sector Undertakings are automatically enlisted with Coal India Limited.

(b) to (d). Coal India Ltd. is a commercial undertaking and has to operate as such. Purchases are made by CIL on the basis of competitive tendering procedure and the most competitive and techno-commercially acceptable offer is accepted against tender. It is not mandatory for coal companies to procure only from public sector undertakings in case similar items are also manufactured by others.

Pension Scheme for Employees of Public Sector Undertakings

5485. SHRI HARISH NARAIN PRABHU ZANTYE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal from the employees of some Public Sector Undertakings for introduction of pension scheme to the employees subscribing Provident Fund; and

(b) if so, reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b). The proposals received by Government from the PSEs and other organisations for introduction of Pension Scheme to the employees of PSEs in lieu of the existing Provident Fund Scheme have been examined and it has been decided that in respect of retirement benefits, Public Sector Enterprises should continue with the Contributory Provident Fund Scheme . Individual Public Sector Enterprises may , if they so desire, work out a suitable annuity scheme through the Life Insurance Corporation of India , based on purely voluntary contributions by the employees, through a fund outside the Public Sector Enterprises and without any liability on the Public Sector Enterprises/ Government.

Eradication of Poverty

5486. SHRI DHARMABIKSHAM: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has sent any scheme to eradicate poverty for World Bank aid;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the quantum of assistance sought and the response of World Bank in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b). Government of Andhra Pradesh have evolved a project profile "Andhra Pradesh Poverty Alleviation Project" for possible World Bank support. The project includes investments in agriculture and related sectors, irrigation, forestry, horticulture, sericulture, fisheries, education, women and child development, health etc. sectors.

(c) The suitability, timing and extent of World Bank assistance would depend on mandatory clearances from the concerned administrative ministries from technical, feasibility angle and the Planning Commission from resource angle, detailed project preparation and donor preference and availability of committable funds with donor agency.

Poverty Alleviation Scheme of A.P. for World Bank Assistance

5487. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received a Poverty Alleviation Scheme for World Bank assistance from the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon and the manner in which the said loan is proposed to be re-paid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) to (c). Government of Andhra Pradesh have proposed a project profile "Andhra Pradesh Poverty Alleviation Project" for possible World Bank assistance. The project includes investments in agriculture and related sectors, irrigation, forestry, horticulture, sericulture, fisheries, education, women and child development, health etc.

The Ministry of Finance is studying the stuitability, timing and extent of World Bank assistance subject to clearance from the concerned administrative ministries from the